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**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated September 21, 2005 kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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In claim terms, Payne does not show or suggest first driving the drum at a high speed and prelliminarily dewatering the laundry, before the speed is reduced to a lower speed (during which some additional dewatering may occur), before the speed is ramped up for a further measurement.

In summary, neither Payne nor any other references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 1. Claim 1 is, therefore, patentable over the art. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and the allowance of claim 1 is solicited.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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